Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/20/67

SUMMARY

Gordon Dwane Novel, described in attached, was subpoenaed to testify before a New Orleans grand jury by Jim Garrison. However, Novel fled the state and refused to return. Garrison then attempted to invoke the Fugitive Felon Act in an effort to get him back to New Orleans. However, through use of some legal maneuvering the Department avoided cooperation with Garrison.

Garrison then charged Novel with the crime of burglary, alleging that Novel broke into an ammunition dump on a former air base at Houma, Louisiana in 1961, along with others. He was then able to have Novel arrested on a fugitive warrant and is now endeavoring to have him extradited.

Novel has publicly charged that Garrison is a fraud and a hoax. He has indicated to our New Orleans Office that he has evidence to expose Garrison. In his several contacts with Bureau offices, Novel has never mentioned any connections he might have had with Central Intelligence Agency.

The information in attached will be furnished to Central Intelligence Agency and the Department.

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